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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00205-CRC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/31/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/31/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4826131) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u>

		Summons DOS)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/31/2017)
01/31/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/31/2017)
01/31/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (jd) (Entered: 02/02/2017)
02/02/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 02/02/2017)
02/13/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/13/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/15/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/13/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/13/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 02/13/2017)
02/22/2017	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Errata by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>4</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney,,, Summons Returned Executed as to U.S. Attorney General,,, Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant,, (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 02/22/2017)
02/22/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/13/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/15/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/13/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 02/22/2017)
03/15/2017	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert J. Prince on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/15/2017)
03/15/2017	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> FOIA Request Letter)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/15/2017)
03/15/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a Complaint and an Answer. Since the requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by March 29, 2017. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/15/2017. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/15/2017)
03/16/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule or Disclosure due by 3/29/2017. (zlsj) (Entered: 03/16/2017)
03/28/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/28/2017)
06/05/2017	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Defendants Submission Regarding Processing Rates in Other Recent FOIA Cases, American Center for Law and Justice v. Dept of State)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 06/05/2017)
06/05/2017	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/05/2017)
06/30/2017		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has fully considered the parties' <u>10</u> , <u>11</u> Status Reports. It is hereby ORDERED that the State Department shall review and complete processing of a minimum of 300 pages of documents every four weeks. It is further ORDERED that the Department shall file a status report every four weeks to update the Court on the pace of its production. The Court also encourages the Plaintiff to prioritize the categories of documents that are subject to processing and orders the Defendant to produce documents in that priority to the extent practicable. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/30/2017. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/30/2017)

07/10/2017	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 07/10/2017)
08/07/2017	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/07/2017)
09/06/2017	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/06/2017)
10/04/2017	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 10/04/2017)
10/31/2017	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
11/29/2017	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 11/29/2017)
12/27/2017	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 12/27/2017)
01/22/2018	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 01/22/2018)
02/21/2018	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 02/21/2018)
03/21/2018	<u>21</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 03/21/2018)
04/18/2018	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joseph Evan Borson on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Borson, Joseph) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Borson, Joseph) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
06/13/2018	<u>25</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 06/13/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>27</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>28</u> September 5, 2018 Status Report, the parties are ordered to confer regarding further proceedings and file a joint status report by September 26, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/05/2018. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/26/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/10/2018	<u>29</u>	ERRATA by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE <u>28</u> Status Report filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before February 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/27/2018. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/6/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 09/27/2018)

02/04/2019	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>32</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>pending the Resolution of Related Discovery Proceedings in 14-cv-1242-RCL</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Prince, Robert) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>33</u>	ORDER granting <u>32</u> Joint Motion to Stay. See full Order for details. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 02/06/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
07/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before August 5, 2019, to include any updates regarding the discovery dispute in 14-cv-1242. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 07/29/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/5/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
08/05/2019	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>34</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that this case shall remain stayed. The parties are directed to file a status report within one week of a court order regarding further discovery in 14-cv-1242-RCL. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 08/05/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/30/2019	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Prince, Robert) (Entered: 08/30/2019)